

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 323

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Gladys Anita Johnson Carder.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Gladys Anita Johnson Carder; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Carder was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-nine years, Mrs. Carder served with acumen and alacrity as an elementary school teacher, in which position she earned the respect of her students and colleagues alike for the exemplary quality of her instruction; she began her career in a one-room schoolhouse; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of a Circuit Rider Minister for the Methodist Church, Mrs. Carder attended Tennessee Wesleyan College and graduated from East Tennessee State College; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carder was an active and devout member of Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church, where she was the oldest member and a true pillar of the church; and

WHEREAS, a gifted seamstress, Mrs. Carder formed the Edna Haynes Circle, which remains active to this day, in the early 1950s; she also loved gardening, canning, and the company of her beloved family; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carder was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Carder enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Benjamin Houston Carder, for sixty-one years until his death in 1994, and together they had six children; she is also survived by thirteen grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Carder leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Gladys Anita Johnson Carder, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Carder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.